

**OCTOBER 12, 2021, (Class #2)**  
**TELL MY PEOPLE OF THE PARABLE OF THE TEN VIRGINS:**  
**WE ARE NOW IN THAT TIME PERIOD**



**Matthew 25:1-12** 1 And then, at the day, before the Son of Man comes, the kingdom of heaven shall be likened unto ten virgins, who took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. 2 And five of them were wise, and five of them were foolish. 3 They that were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them; but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. 4 While the bridegroom tarried they all slumbered and slept. 5 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. 6 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. 7 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. 8 But the wise answered, saying, Lest there be not enough for us and you, go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. 9 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage; and the door was shut. 10 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us. 11 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, Ye know me not. 12 Watch therefore; for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of Man cometh.

**Enlightenment and Encouragement Concerning the**  
**Parable of the 10 Virgins**

**Doctrine & Covenants 45: 10b-d** 10b And at that day when I shall come in my glory, shall the parable be fulfilled which I spake concerning the ten virgins; **for they that are wise and have received the truth, and have taken the Holy Spirit for their guide, and have not been deceived,** verily I say unto you, 10c They shall not be hewn down and cast into the fire, but shall abide the day, and the earth shall be given unto them for an inheritance; 10d **and they shall multiply and wax strong, and their children shall grow up without sin unto salvation, for the Lord shall be in their midst, and his glory shall be upon them, and he will be their King and their lawgiver.**

## Foolish Virgins

- Greek = Moros
- Foolish Talking = thinking or acting brainless
- Heedless = lacking a desire to know or understand (especially about God)
- Blockhead = lacking good sense or judgment = unwise
- Dull = to lose focus of the goal and ones fire goes out
- Lose Savor = Salt that lost its Savor = allowing darkness in and losing a grip on reality

## Wise Virgins

- Greek = Phronimos
- Rein in or Curb Natural Man = Stays alert, stays ready for Christ
- Gains Understanding = grows spiritually, thoughtful, to be of the same mind as Christ
- Intelligent = wise, chooses wisely, heads in a certain direction, stays focused
- To Be Spiritually Minded = Has a strong testimony, loves God and applies such to life and acts accordingly

## A Sleeping Church

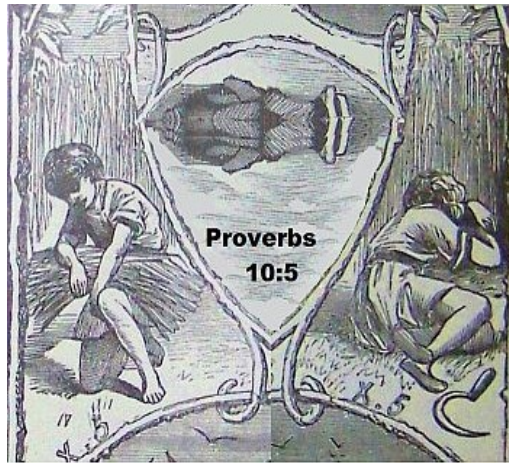
**Satan has lulled us to sleep = 2 Nephi 12:25  
And others will he pacify, and lull them away.**



**Revelation 3:3-5** 3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, (**meaning to stay awake**) I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee. 4 Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white; for they are worthy. 5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

**Romans 13: 11-14** 11 And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. 12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand; let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. 13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. 14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to gratify the lusts thereof.

## Sleeping Causes Shame to Come Upon Us



**Proverbs 10:5** He that gathereth in summer is a wise son; but he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame.

Shame, shame on the farmer who snoozes under the shade of the trees while his ripe wheat is falling and being trampled underfoot.

He is a disgrace to the honorable profession of farming.

Shame, shame, a thousand-fold, on the Christian who sleeps on and takes his rest, while the fields in which he might reap many golden sheaves are all around him, and the grain that invites his sickle is being trampled by the hoofs of infidelity and sin.

### **Awake Thou That Sleepest**



**Ephesians 5:14-16** 14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. 15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, 16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. 17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what is the will of the Lord. 18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; 19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.

**2 Nephi 1:38** Awake, my sons: put on the armor of righteousness.

**2 Nephi 3:46** Awake, my soul! No longer droop in sin.

**2 Nephi 5:86** Awake, awake! Put on strength O arm of the Lord: awake as in the ancient days.

**2 Nephi 5:100** Awake, awake, stand up, O Jerusalem, which hast drunk at the hand of the Lord the cup of his fury.

**2 Nephi 5:112** Awake, awake, put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city.

**2 Nephi 6:94** But behold, my brethren, is it expedient that I should awake you to an awful reality of these things?

**2 Nephi 1:27** O that ye would awake; awake from a deep sleep, yea, even from the sleep of hell, and shake off the awful chains by which ye are bound, which are the chains which bind the children of men, that they are carried away captive down to the eternal gulf of misery and wo!

### Watch Therefore



**Doctrine & Covenants 63:13g** These things are the things that ye must look for, and speaking after the manner of the Lord, they are now nigh at hand; and in a time to come, even in the day of the coming of the Son of Man, and until that hour, there will be foolish virgins among the wise, and at that hour cometh an entire separation of the righteous and the wicked.

**Matthew 25:9-12** 9 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage; and the door was shut. 10 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us. 11 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, Ye know me not. 12 Watch therefore; for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of Man cometh.

# Jewish Weddings

## Wedding customs in Jesus' day = The Bride of Christ

We know that the ceremony is held with the couple and the rabbi under a canopy or *chuppah* / *Huppah*, and that the groom crushes a glass under his foot at the end. We also know that Jesus attended weddings and used them in some of his parables. What meaning do they have for us? Since Jesus uses the picture of a bride for His redeemed church, we should read about the Jewish wedding to better understand the meaning of His parables. Consider Matthew the 25<sup>th</sup> Chapter, "The Parable of the Ten Virgins," as you read about the following Jewish wedding customs.



### The Betrothal

The betrothal was binding and could only be undone by a divorce with proper grounds, such as the bride being found not to be a virgin, (see Joseph and Mary - Matthew 2:1-8) The young man and his parents prepared a marriage contract and would go to the bride's house and ask for her hand in marriage. Included in this was the "Bride Price," which was appropriate in that society to compensate the young woman's parents for the cost of raising her, as well as being an expression of his love for her. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

### The Acceptance

To see if the proposal was accepted, the young man would pour a cup of wine for his beloved and wait to see if she drank it. This cup represents a blood covenant. If she drank from the cup, she would have accepted the proposal and they would be betrothed. The young man would then give gifts to his beloved, and then take his leave. He would say "I go to my father's house and we won't drink wine together again until we are together in my father's house." (Matthew 26:22-26, also John 14:2-3) The young woman would have to wait for him to return and collect her.



## The Wedding Chamber and the Chuppah

Before leaving the young man would announce, "I am going to prepare a place for you," and "I will return for you when it is ready." The usual practice was for the young man to return to his father's house and build a honeymoon room there. This is what is symbolized by the *chuppah* or canopy that is characteristic of Jewish weddings. He was not allowed to skimp on the work and had to get his father's approval before he could consider it ready for his bride. If asked the date of his wedding he would have to reply, "Only my father knows." Matthew 24:43

Meanwhile the bride would be making herself ready so that she would be pure and beautiful for her bridegroom. During this time, she would wear a veil when she went out, to show she was spoken for (she has been bought with a price). DC 65:1c, DC 85:25d, DC 59:2f

## The Wedding

When the wedding chamber was ready the bridegroom could collect his bride. This could happen at any time so the bride would make special arrangements. Usually, it was from 1-3 years but could be as many as 7 years. Most of the time, the father would announce that it was time in the late afternoon when the majority of the day's work had been completed. Then the bridegroom and his family would gather their wedding party and go to the bride's home. It would be after dark and sometimes very late into the night that they would arrive.

It was the custom for a bride to keep a lamp, her veil, and her other things beside her bed. Her bridesmaids were also waiting and had to have oil ready for their lamps. 1 Thess 5:2-6, DC 32:3e

When the groom and his friends got close to the bride's house, they would give a shout saying "Prepare Ye for the Bridegroom, the Bridegroom Cometh" and blow a *shofar* to let her know to be ready.

After claiming his bride the wedding party would return to the father's home. Upon arriving at the father's house, the newlyweds went into the wedding chamber for a seven-day honeymoon and the groom's best friend stood outside waiting for the groom to tell him that the marriage had been consummated. The proof of this was the bed-sheet bearing the blood—shed by the bride as a result of her first sexual intercourse. This is notable for two reasons. It speaks of purity before marriage, but it also shows a blood covenant (the most solemn and binding kind) such as God's covenant with His people.

Then all the friends really started celebrating for the seven days that the couple were honeymooning. When the couple emerged there would be much congratulation and the Marriage Supper could begin.

**Revelation 19:6-9 6 And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia; for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. 7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him; for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. 8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white; for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. 9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.**